

c. 1260

Flagellants

medieval sectarians

holding that the wrath of God
can be appeased only by
public self-flagellation; public
processions occurred during
Black Death (1348)

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Ghibelline victory at Montaperto

Kublai succeeds Mangu as Great Khan

Hulagu defeated at Ain ^{in Palestine.} Selat by
Kittay and Barbars; who kills
Kulog and seizes sultanate.

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Kublai Khan Establishes Yuan
Dynasty in China. The Mongol
empire reached its greatest extent
from the beginning of the 10th century.
Chinese dynasties were vulnerable to barbarian
pressure from the north. For 200 yrs they bought
off the Tatar kingdom of Liao, which controlled
Mongolia and Manchuria, but northern
China fell in 1125 to the Jurchen tribe
which set up the Ch'in dynasty. The ruling

Sung dynasty was forced to retreat to Hangchow, from where it continued to rule the south. At the beginning of the 13th cen. Genghis began an attack on the Sung. His conquest was completed by his grandson Kublai who in 1260 became Khan of the Mongol empire. In 1276 he founded the Yuan dynasty in China.

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Mamluks Defeat the Mongols at
Bolnisi Spring. Mongol Conquests end
as Mamluks take power in Syria & Egypt. The
Mamluks were slaves, of Turkish descent, who
from the 10th cen., were brought from the Steppes
lands (north of the Caspian) to Cairo to serve in
the armies of the Caliphate. After being trained
as soldiers, they entered the army and from then
onwards ruled over the local populations in
the name of the Caliph. They were granted land

and grew in power, until they were able to challenge the masters.

In 1250 Egypt came under the rule of the Mamluk dynasty, when AYBAK murdered the mother of the last Ayyubid sultan (whom she had murdered). Ten yrs later, the Mamluks recorded an even greater triumph by bringing the era of Mongol Conquest to an end. The Mongols had taken Baghdad in 1258. The following yr they invaded Syria & forced the Muslims to surrender. A Mamluk force fell upon the Mongols at Haliath Springs (outside Marash) in 1260, killed their general, won a decisive victory & shattered the belief of Mongol invincibility. Baybars was next to the sultans of Cairo. Mamluk empire was overthrown by Ottomans in 1517.

The citadel at Aleppo in Syria
is where the elderly TURAN SHAH
held out for more than a month.
Long after the rest of the city had
fallen, out of respect for such
fortitude, the Mongol invaders
spared his life.

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At Jerusalem, the HAMAKS
defeat the Mongols

At Ain Jalut in Galilee where
David killed Goliath, the 10,000 mongols
were lured into the kind of trap they
had so often sprung. They were
surrounded and slaughtered

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The expansion of the Mongols
reached its limit when it
met its unexpected check
at the hands of the Mamelukes
in 1260; from that time the
"Ilkhanis" found their grip on
what they held continuously weakening

May
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Ariq Böke Compaigned to become Khagan.
But Kublai moved faster, proclaiming him-
self khagan at Shangdu.